

a letter from DAS requesting an additional \$345,000 which will have to be considered and added on LB 532 on Select File when the committee has had an opportunity to review it more carefully. Section 15 deals with the Equal Opportunity Commission. Again we directed them to work with the Records Management Office to revise their record keeping process. Perhaps they can get better efficiency in their operation. It also directs the Equal Opportunity Commission to seek certain available federal funds for the Assistant Attorney General's office. You will recall, there was approximately \$40,000 appropriated to the Attorney General from general fund money, but if there was funds available from the federal level, from the Equal Opportunity Commission, they were to use those instead and this language directs the Equal Opportunity Commission to follow through on filing for those available federal funds. Also, the language starting on the top of page 16 directs the Commission to submit to the Legislature beginning for next session by December 1, 1977 a thorough review of the backlog and the reasons for the backlog that they now have. It was indicated at the hearing that there were some 1,000 cases that had not been resolved and it was expected to go up to 1,400 next year and one of the reasons we added staff was to help to relieve that but the committee did feel that there was a need to give them some specific direction so that next year's appropriation could be made with specific information as to the kind of backlog that they have at that time and what kind of progress they have made during this year. Section 16 deals with the Nebraska Arts Council encouraging them to use the funds that are appropriated more with local agencies, local art councils, also limiting the amount of contractual services that they can contract for to some \$15,000 which again was to maximize the amount of funds that would be available to local agencies. Program 570 is the Nebraska Commission on Aging. This is part and parcel to the program I explained dealing with the Department of Roads where the two work together in order to make available to local agencies more readily available federal funds for the purchase of buses, particular for the use of senior citizens. Agency 18, section 18 is the Department of Economic Development, again is language instructing them to bring about some changes in their administrative programs. It spells out the direction that the community development planning program should have because these were altered between the State Office of Planning and Programming and to the Department of Economic Development. Section 19 deals with the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement. There is extensive language, the same language that was contained in the bill and is similar to the language that was contained in the appropriation bill a year ago. Section 21 deals with the State Office of Planning and Programming and, again, this is the language that is necessary to comply with the transfer of funds or responsibility between the Department of Economic Development and the State Office of Planning and Programming. Section 22 deals with the Department of Education. The first paragraph directs the Department to establish rates for school districts contracting with the Diagnostic Resource Center at Cozad together with certain restrictions on the use of or directions on the use of the Diagnostic Center at Cozad as far as a state operated institution. Program 402 is relative to the Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped again calling attention to the manner in which the cash funds that would be available to this particular agency from various school districts contracting for students under the provisions of